

IF GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING, WHAT'S THE POINT IN PRAYING?

如果神知道一切，那麼禱告的意義何在？

A. Some Truths About God 關於神的一些真理

1. God is All Knowing...神是無所不知...

“Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.”

(Psalm 147:5)

“我們的主為大最有能力；他的智慧無法測度。”

(詩篇 147:5)

“O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely.”

(Psalm 139:1-4)

耶和華啊，你已經鑒察我，認識我。我坐下，我起來，你都曉得，你從遠處知道我的意念。

我行路，我躺臥，你都細察，你也深知我一切所行的。耶和華啊，我舌頭上的話，

你沒有一句不知道的。(詩篇 139:1-4)

a. This means that we cannot tell Him anything that He doesn't already know.

這意味著我們不能告訴祂任何祂仍未知的事。

2. God is All Powerful...神是全能的...

“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” (Job 42:2)

我知道，你萬事都能做，你的旨意不能攔阻。(約伯記 42:2)

“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: ‘Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.’”

(Revelation 19:6)

我聽見好像群眾的聲音，眾水的聲音，大雷的聲音，說：「哈利路亞！因為主我們的神，

全能者做王了。」(啟示錄 19:6)

a. This means that God can do anything He desires to do.

這意味著神可以做任何祂想做的事。

3. God is Sovereign...神是掌權的...

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:16-17)

因為萬有都是靠他造的，無論是天上的、地上的，能看見的、不能看見的，或是有位的、主治的、執政的、掌權的，一概都是藉著他造的，又是為他造的。他在萬有之先，萬有也靠他而立。

(歌羅西書 1:16-17)

“Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.” (Psalm 115:3)

然而我們的神在天上，都隨自己的意旨行事。(詩篇 115:3)

- a. This means that God is the final authority over everything in the universe.

這意味著神是宇宙中一切事物的最終權威。

B. Some Truths About Prayer 關於禱告的一些真理

1. God calls us to pray, and God promises to answer...

神呼召我們禱告，神承諾會回答 ...

“Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.” (Psalm 50:15)

並要在患難之日求告我，我必搭救你，你也要榮耀我。(詩篇 50:15)

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

(Matthew 7:7)

你們祈求，就給你們；尋找，就尋見；叩門，就給你們開門。(馬太福音 7:7)

2. The “strike zone” of prayer...

禱告的“擊球區”...

- a. There are things that God will not do no matter how much we pray.

無論我們祈禱多少，有些事情神是不會做的。

- i. Matthew 26:36-39 馬太福音 26:36-39

- b. There are things God will do whether we pray or not.

無論我們有否祈禱，神都會做一些事情。

- i. Genesis 18:25 創世紀 18:25

- c. There are things that God will only do in response to prayer.

有些事情神只會做在回應禱告中。

“I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.” (Ezekiel 22:30)

我在他們中間尋找一人重修牆垣，在我面前為這國站在破口防堵，使我不滅絕這國，卻找不著一個。
(以西結書 22:30)

Today’s “Big Idea”... 今日主旨...

An unspoken prayer is an uncashed cheque.

未說出口的祈禱是一張未兌現的支票。

Discussion Questions: 討論問題：

Does scripture speak of God ever changing his mind because of prayer? Why or why not has that happened?

聖經有沒有提到神會因為禱告而改變主意？為什麼或為什麼沒有發生？

Has God ever said no to your prayers? How have you responded?

神有沒有拒絕你的禱告？你是如何回應的？

Talk about a prayer that God clearly answered.

談論一個上帝明確回應的禱告。

What expectations have you had about prayer?

你對禱告有什麼期望？

What unspoken prayers do you have?

你有哪些未說出口的祈禱？